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This house divides itself
like math and numbers. This
house is divided into you
and me, mine and yours.
It doesn't add up. There
are never enough hours
in a day, days in a week.
Months drag on like years.

Count the bricks in the wall,
slats on the floor. Subtract
doors, windows, divide by
the closets. The answer is
always two. Too many figures,
not enough facts. Will I ever
measure up to your expectations?
Lately, I don't count on anything.